

REMARKS

Claims 36, 38, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53 and 54 have been amended. Claims 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 50, 51, 55 and 56 have been canceled. Claim 57 has been added. Please charge any claim or other fees for entry of this Amendment to our Deposit Account 03-3415.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 47-49 and 52-54 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim applicant's invention. Applicant has canceled these claims, thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 36-56 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Alexander, et al. patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931). With respect to applicant's claims, as amended, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's claims have been amended to more clearly recite the features of the present invention and thereby distinguish invention from the cited prior art. Specifically, independent claim 36 has been amended to incorporate therein the feature that the controlling means is arranged to effect control so that displaying means thereby expands a detail display area and displays detailed program information of a first program and the detailed program information of a second program in the expanded detail display area (see, e.g., applicant's FIG. 7 showing display areas 204 and 207 and applicant's specification at page 23, line 19 through page 24, line 9, describing FIG. 7). Similarly, independent claim 47 has been amended to more clearly recite features of the first and second display modes and incorporate therein the feature that in the second display mode, the controlling means causes a display apparatus to expand a detail display area and display detailed program information of a predetermined program and the detailed program information of another program in the expanded detail display area when

designating means designates another program a selection instruction of which is received by inputting means.

In addition, dependent claim 38 has been amended to further define the feature of the detailed program information, and dependent claim 49 has been similarly amended. Dependent claim 48 has been amended to recite that the detailed program information of the another program the selection instruction of which is received in the second display mode is displayed in a list display area in a pop-up display manner. Claims 41, 43, 52, 53 and 54 are corresponding method claims to claims 36, 38, 47, 48 and 49, respectively, and have been similarly amended. New claim 57 has been added to cover the subject matter of a recording medium computer-readably recording a program for causing a computer to execute procedures of each of the steps of the display control method of amended independent claim 52.

The constructions recited in applicant's amended claims are not taught or suggested by the cited Alexander, et al. patent. More particularly, the Examiner has stated that in the Alexander, et al. patent "the detailed information of the previous selected program in the information box is remained when the user uses the input device to highlight and display information of another program in the Grid guide, without pressing action button." However, the Alexander, et al. patent fails to teach or suggest displaying the detailed program information of a first (predetermined) program and the detailed program information of a second (another) program in an expanded detail display area when the first program is selected and designated to display the detailed program information thereof in the detail display area and thereafter the second program is selected and designated.

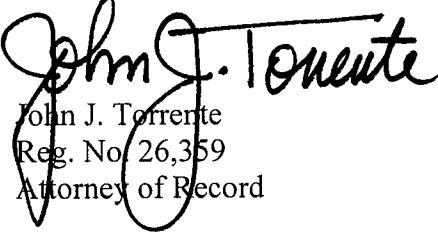
Applicant's amended independent claims 36, 41, 47 and 52, and their respective dependent claims, all of which recite such feature, in one form or another, thus patentably distinguish over the Alexander, et al. patent.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicant's claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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